



BOROUGH OF CONGLETON

REPORT

on the

Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough

for the

Year ended 31st December, 1972

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HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

for the

Year Ended 31st December 1972


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To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1972 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

This will be the last occasion on which I shall be engaged in preparing this report, as with the commencement of the new Local Government Act on 1st April 1974 your Authority will be merged with the larger District under the reformed Local Government Act. It is not without a great deal of sadness that I have to mention this fact as the office of Medical Officer of Health will be abolished, an office I might say which has been in existence for over 130 years and during this period has helped to make a profound change in the social and medical aspects of our people. This office has been in existence for so long that it is recognised for what it is by almost every section of the public and whenever any crisis or problem in public health or preventive medicine arises inevitably your Authority and the people know where to turn for medical advice and help.

There will be no replacement as such by a Medical Officer employed directly by the new District as all the health functions previously carried out by County Councils and County District Councils will pass under the aegis of the Regional and Area Health Authorities. However, in the field of environmental health the new District Councils will require medical advice and it is proposed to furnish this by the creation of a new appointment, namely, that of Community Physician. It is expected that under the new Act a District Community Physician will have a relationship with the Local Government District Councils to be available to give advice to not only the Environmental Health Officer but to others of the Chief Officers so requiring it. This relationship I expect will be formalised so that it is known to whom a District Council may turn and the Community Physician will also be aware of his responsibilities.

I think it will help the Council if I describe briefly what Community Medicine is all about so that the duties of the Community Physician can be clearly understood.

Community Medicine is that branch of Medicine which deals with populations or groups rather than with individual patients. In the context of the national system of medical care, it comprises those Doctors who try to measure accurately the needs of the population both sick and well. It requires to bring to this study special knowledge of the principles of epidemiology, of the organisation and evaluation of medical care systems, of the medical aspects of the administration of

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health services and of the techniques of health education and rehabilitation which are comprised within the field of social and preventive medicine. Community Medicine thus brings together within the one discipline those who are presently engaged in the practice of public health, in the administration of the health services whether in Hospital, Local Authority or Central Government, in relevant research and those responsible for undergraduate and post graduate education in the University Departments of Social Medicine.

Those Medical Officers who will be responsible for this branch of the service will be known as Community Physicians and they will be placed at Area and District level. Indeed there will be a Community Physician in the District Management Team of the Area Health Authority.

There are some people who feel that this National Health Service Reorganisation and even Local Government Reorganisation is unnecessary and will be expensive. Nevertheless these Acts are on the Statute Book and will have to be effectively and efficiently carried out. The first duty in every instance is towards the members of the public to see that they get a better service either from the District Councils or from the Health Authorities. Every effort must be made to forget the parochialism of the past in order that the future may be reasonably bright.

As far as my own personal position is concerned I shall be retiring on age limit in March 1974 and will not therefore be available to participate in the forthcoming Reorganisation. I would, therefore, like to take this final opportunity of thanking all my colleagues, who at present work for your Council, for the very many happy years of collaboration and goodwill I have received from them at all times. Also may I take this further opportunity of wishing the new District Council well in its new and important task and may it always be borne in mind that the whole object of both exercises, whether in Local Government or Health, is to try and give a better service to the ratepayer and the taxpayer.

I beg to remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

L. RICH

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this Report are for 1971

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated population 20860 (20370)

<u>Births</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	Legitimate	333 (298)	159 (151)	174 (147)
	Illegitimate	17 (15)	10 (8)	7 (7)
Still Births	Legitimate	4 (5)	2 (4)	2 (1)
	Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid 1972: 16.0
(15.4)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population: 14.8
(16.0)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births: 11 (16)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live and Still) births: 12 (12)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population: 0.16 (0.24)

Infantile Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (4)	1 (2)	1 (2)
Illegitimate	- (4)	- (2)	- (2)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births: 6 (13)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales: 17 (18)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births: 6 (13)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births: 0 (0)

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths, all ages	272 (222)	142 (103)	130 (119)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population: 13.1 (10.5)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the population: 12.1 (11.6)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Cholera	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Bacillary Dysentery and amoebiasis	-	-	-
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	-	-	-
Late effects of respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Other Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Plague	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Streptococcal sore throat and scarlet fever	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Typhus and other rickettsioses	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Syphilis and its sequelae	-	-	-
All other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc.	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	9	6	3
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	9	4	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	17	14	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	7	-	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasms, other	10	4	6
Benign neoplasms and neoplasm of unspecified nature	-	-	-

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Cause	Total	Male	Female
Leukaemia	3	3	-
Diabetes mellitus	2	2	-
Avitaminoses and other nutritional deficiency	-	-	-
Anaemias	1	1	-
Meningitis	-	-	-
Multiple sclerosis	-	-	-
Active rheumatic fever	-	-	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	5	3	2
Hypertensive disease	2	-	2
Ishaemic heart disease	67	38	29
Other forms of heart disease	9	5	4
Cerebrovascular disease	54	27	27
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	14	4	10
Bronchitis and emphysema	14	10	4
Asthma	-	-	-
Peptic ulcer	1	-	1
Appendicitis	1	-	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	3	3	-
Cirrhosis of liver	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Abortion	-	-	-
Other complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium	-	-	-
Congenital anomalies	1	1	-
Birth injury, difficult labour and other anoxic and hypoxic conditions	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	1	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	3	-	3
All other diseases	24	8	16
Motor vehicle accidents	3	2	1
All other accidents	3	2	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	1	1
All other external causes	-	-	-
Total	272	142	130

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

	<u>No. of deaths</u>	
Puerperal Sepsis	0	(0)
Other maternal causes	0	(0)

Maternal mortality rate per 1000 Live and Still births: 0 (0)

<u>Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-
1964	3	2	1
1965	4	1	3
1966	5	5	-
1967	6	4	2
1968	6	5	1
1969	12	12	-
1970	11	9	2
1971	7	6	1
1972	17	14	3

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
Miss E. Clayden, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
Miss S. Papatheohari, S.R.N., Reg. Midwife (Aus)., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
Mrs. P. J. Thistleton, S.R.N., H.V.	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.

Clinic Nurse

Mrs. A. N. Thursfield	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
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Lay Assistant

Mrs. M. Riley	Nursery Lane Clinic, Congleton. Tel: Congleton 2261.
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Clinic Services

As can be seen from the figures we are very active both at Nursery Lane and at West Road. We are still continuing to use the old Civil Defence Hut and what the future will be for the west end of town may have to wait until Local Government Reorganisation is finalised.

Statistics

Mothers Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	103 (79)	363 (266)	49 (48)

Dental Clinics	No. of Visits	No. of Extractions	No. of Fillings
Children 0-5	98 (482)	31 (83)	20 (467)
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	31 (407)	6 (56)	8 (339)
Dentures Supplied 2 (16)			

Child Health

Welfare Centre	Attendances							No. of Clinics	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor	Average attendance per Clinic
	Born 1972		Born 1971		Born 1970-1968		Total				
	1st	Sub.	1st	Sub.	1st	Sub.					
Nursery	119	579	61	512	64	253	1588	56	491	8.7	28.3
Lane	(160)	(627)	(40)	(716)	(49)	(282)	(1874)	(51)	(591)	(11.5)	(36.7)
West	121	749	64	440	21	186	1581	52	461	8.8	30.4
Road	(156)	(860)	(68)	(544)	(32)	(178)	(1838)	(51)	(335)	(6.5)	(36)

Special Clinics for Under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	24 (36)	141 (99)	26 (19)	5.4 (5.2)

	New Cases	Re-examinations	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
E.N.T. Clinic	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (7)	0 (0)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	100 (51)	509 (322)	26 (19)	19.5 (16.9)
E.N.T. Clinic	20 (8)	35 (23)	5 (7)	7.0 (3.2)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1972

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A.D.C. Tablets	Orange Juice	A.D.C. Drops
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Congleton Clinics and Divisional Medical Office	321 (451)	7 (0)	110 (234)	564 (7934)	909 (536)

Midwifery

Nurse M. S. Bowman combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

The Midwife resident in the Borough is:-

J. Sulej 38 Greenacres Road,
Congleton.

Tel. No:
Congleton 3495

Home Nursing

Four District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel No.</u>
M. S. Bowman	9 Pirie Road, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 3444
B. Morris	2 Clayton Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Congleton 2104
E. Scholes	'High Meadows', Tunstall Road, Timbersbrook.	Congleton 3904
M. B. Woodward (Part-time)	'Homestead', Giantswood Lane, Congleton.	Congleton 2507

Nursing Auxiliaries

F. Hibbert	11 Union Street, Congleton.	Congleton 5938
S. Cartwright	'Saville', 47 Brooklands Road, Congleton.	Congleton 4531

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided.

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served per day for 97 days and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.R.V.S. to old people who have moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs. Nichols and all her loyal band of W.R.V.S. workers. 3492 meals were served during the year.

I should also like to pay tribute to the voluntary workers who assist at the Luncheon Club at Fellowship House, although this is now under the control of the Social Services Department the Health Department is naturally interested in everything that goes on in this very well organised establishment.

Public Health Laboratory Service

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Completed Primary Courses - Persons Under Age 16 (South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968-65		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	28	854	343	15	10	10	461	799
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	62	-	-
Polio-Salk	-	1	2	-	-	-	3	-
Polio-Sabin	27	853	342	15	9	5	460	791
Measles	-	551	495	68	64	16	435	759
German Measles	-	-	-	-	-	538	530	8

Reinforcing Doses - Persons Under Age 16 (South-East Cheshire)

Type of Vaccine	Year of Birth					Others Under 16	Total	
	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968-65		At Clinics	By G.P's
Quadruple	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Triple (D/W.C./T)	-	5	12	3	1075	39	450	684
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	-	-	-	79	313	170	222
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	539	438	101
Polio-Salk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Sabin	-	-	-	1	74	787	610	252

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

General

The area of the Congleton Borough Council continues to be supplied from the artesian wells at Forge Lane, Congleton, and from the pumping station at Hug Bridge, Bosley.

Hug Bridge station, which originally received a mixture of water from the adjacent River Dane and other boreholes, is now being supplied from a new borehole at Rushton Spencer which was commissioned in April 1972. Because of the additional water produced by this borehole it is now not necessary to use water from the River Dane to the same extent and less chlorination is required because of the purer water obtained.

The result, of course, is that the clarity of the water has greatly improved and eventually it is expected that the use of river water will be phased out completely.

New Sources

A second borehole has now been sunk at Rushton Spencer to act as a standby supply. It is anticipated that this will be commissioned in late 1974.

Laying of Water Main Extensions

During the year extension of water mains, to the greatest extent necessary for the provision of water services to new housing developments, have been carried out at the following sites:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Size of Main</u>
Percy Bilton Ltd.	Padgbury Lane, Congleton.	102m.m. 76m.m.
Albert Locke (1940) Ltd.	Off Havannah Lane, Congleton.	102m.m. (4") 76m.m. (3")
H. C. Janes Ltd.	Black Firs Estate, Congleton.	152m.m. (6")
P. E. Jones (Contractors) Ltd.	Off Rood Hill, Congleton.	152m.m. 102m.m. 76m.m.
A. F. Ward, Esq.	Belgrave Avenue, Congleton.	102m.m.
Northern Ideal Homes Ltd.	Falmouth Road, Congleton.	102m.m.
Henry Boot Construction Ltd.	Off West Street, Congleton.	102m.m.
W. R. Pedley, Esq.	Lenthall Avenue, Congleton.	102m.m.
Congleton Inclosure Trust	Off Sandbach Road, Congleton.	102m.m. 76m.m.
Regentfield Properties	Boundary Lane, Congleton.	152m.m. 102m.m.
G. A. Lomas & Co. Ltd.	Buxton Road, Congleton.	102m.m.

I am indebted to Mr. A. B. Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

Drainage and Sewerage

The rate of private development has increased during the year and continues in West Heath, Daisy Bank, Lower Heath, Belgrave Avenue, Buglawton and Astbury Lane Ends, Mossley. In all instances the development has necessitated the extension of the existing drainage system.

Public Cleansing

Household refuse continues to be disposed of by controlled tipping at the Corporation tip. A scheme using plastic bin liners was introduced in February 1972. Facilities have been made available for the public to dispose of household refuse and the tip is open to the general public during Saturdays and Sundays.

Housing

The number of Council houses completed in 1972 is as follows:-

Houses	0	(0)
Single Person Flats	0	(0)
One Bedroom Bungalows	4	(24)

Private Houses Completed	198	(144)
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Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December 1972 (excluding applications for aged persons bungalows)	136	(218)
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Work continued during the year on two schemes of sheltered accommodation, one for 27 flats and Warden's accommodation and the other for 39 flats plus Warden's accommodation, at Bradwell Grove and Heath Road respectively. Bradwell Grove is due for completion in March 1973 and Heath Road in November 1973.

Modernisation of Pre-War Council Houses

Work on the improvement of 103 houses in Vaudrey Crescent was completed and a start made on modernising 79 houses in Borough Road/Wilbraham Road.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Disease (Other Than Tuberculosis) During the Year 1972

Disease	Age Distribution									Total	Cases Admitted to Hospital
	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+		
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Measles	4	15	20	18	19	93	6	2	8	185	-
Scarlet Fever	-	1	-	-	2	3	-	1	-	7	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1972 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1963.

Notifications - 1963 to 1972

	1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>Male</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																1				
5 - 15	1		1				1				1								1	
15 - 25											2		1		2					
25 - 35			1		2		1				2		1		1		1			
35 - 45			1		2		1				1		1		1					
45 - 55	1						1								1					
55 - 65	2		1		1		4				2								1	
65 & over			1				1								2		4			
<u>Female</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15	2										1									
15 - 25					1												1			1
25 - 35	1						1		1				2				1			
35 - 45																				
45 - 55			1	1		1										1	1			
55 - 65																				
65 & over																1			1	
Total	7	-	6	1	6	1	9	-	1	-	7	-	4	-	6	2	9	-	3	1

Deaths - 1963 to 1972

	1963		1964		1965		1966		1967		1968		1969		1970		1971		1972	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>Male</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45									1											
45 - 55	1																			
55 - 65	2				1				1		1								2	
65 & over																	1			
<u>Female</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45											1									
45 - 55																				
55 - 65									1											
65 & over					1															
Total	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register
at 31st December 1972, were as follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	11	10	9	7	14	52
Female Pulmonary	-	-	1	3	10	10	7	6	7	44
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	6	2	5	4	4	3	25
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	5	4	16

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 1972

General Remarks

Councillor F. Heapy continued to serve as Chairman of the Health Committee during the year.

The Government White Paper on Local Government Re-organisation was issued in which it was proposed that Environmental Health duties should remain at District Council level and this was subsequently confirmed in the Local Government Act 1972. Following the formation of District No. 8, of which Congleton forms a part, a Working Party dealing with Environmental Health was set up and an excellent liaison with colleagues in the other local authorities established to prepare for the change-over.

In accordance with the Department of the Environment Circular 50/72 (Slums and Older Housing) a comprehensive survey of the Housing conditions in the Borough was commenced in early autumn and was continuing at the end of the year.

The number of applications for improvement grant received was maintained at the high level reached during the previous year.

The Council's policy of purchasing houses in proposed clearance areas continued and the number offered for sale increased.

The Deposit of Poisonous Waste Act 1972 came into force and I was detailed to receive the relevant notices. Notices of intention to remove waste were received from one firm only and this was deposited outside the area.


Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Health Acts 1936 - 1969

Complaints

During the year 200 complaints were received and investigated; 22 of these were found to be concerning matters which could not be dealt with by the department; 55 were found to be related to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the departments concerned.

Nuisances

Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 200 premises were inspected, a total of 106 nuisances found and 108 Informal Notices issued; 223 visits were made to premises previously inspected and 93 nuisances found to be abated. 96 Informal Notices were complied with. 7 Formal Notices were served and complied with.

Drainage

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 382 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply, from the baths at the National Children's Home and also during the season from the Council's swimming baths. The Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester, carried out bacteriological examination of the samples and the reports were satisfactory.

All except 24 (75 occupants) of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Infectious Disease and Disinfection

8 cases of infectious disease were investigated and the necessary disinfection of premises and library books carried out.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses registered.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960

The licensed sites at Rocky Pool, Timbersbrook, were visited regularly and were found to be satisfactorily kept and well conducted, although work to the ablution block were still outstanding at the end of the year.

Noise Abatement Act 1960

5 complaints of noise from industrial premises were received and following informal representation to the Management in each case the noise was reduced or discontinued.

Clean Air Acts 1956 - 1968

The swing to gas and oil as fuel for industrial purposes continued and at the one factory noted as emitting smoke in excess of the amount permitted, an application was received for the approval of the chimney height in connection with the installation of an oil-fired boiler to replace the existing coal-fired one.

The burning of trade refuse in the open gave rise to many complaints and warnings were given to offenders.

Housing Acts 1957 - 1969

200 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 223 re-visits made.

15 houses in clearance areas were demolished and 2 areas completely cleared. 2 individual unfit houses were demolished.

1 house was subject to a Demolition Order.

3 clearance areas comprising a total of 39 houses were represented to the Council and Compulsory Purchase Orders made.

4 Orders in respect of 4 clearance areas containing 25 houses were confirmed by the Department of the Environment.

Following applications for advances under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958, 37 houses were inspected and reports submitted to the Council.

Improvement Grants

35 applications for standard grants were received and all but 1 were approved. 14 applications for discretionary improvement grants were received 11 of these were approved and 3 refused.

Qualification Certificates

Number of Applications received	:	15
Number of Applications withdrawn by owners	:	2
Number of Provisional Certificates issued	:	1
Number of Qualification Certificates issued	:	10
Number of Refusals issued	:	1
Number of Applications pending	:	6

Food and Drugs Act 1955

286 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 21 contraventions were found and 13 Informal Notices issued. On re-inspection 17 contraventions had been abated and 9 Notices complied with.

Ice-cream

There are 6 shop premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream. 101 premises are registered only for selling ice-cream.

During the year 10 samples of ice-cream were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory at Chester, and all but one were up to standard.

Preserved Food

48 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc).

Slaughterhouses

The one licensed slaughterhouse in the Borough continued to operate and all animals slaughtered were inspected as laid down in the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 and carcasses passed fit marked in accordance with the regulations. The sum of £161.43 was received from the slaughterhouse occupier being the result of the charge levied on a headage basis by the Council in 1963 and amended in August 1971.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

20 slaughtermen's licenses were renewed.

Pet Animals Act 1951

There are 2 licensed premises in the Borough and both these were inspected during the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

1 establishment was licensed.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1960

6 farms are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and sell farm bottled milk in the Borough. 10 distributors are registered and operate from various premises and 51 shop premises are licensed for the sale of milk. 2 premises are registered as dairies.

9 visits have been made dealing with the enforcement of the regulations.

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

	Total Submitted	Number Brucella Positive
Bulk Samples	-	-
Dealer Samples	66	-
Individual Cow Samples	12	1
Total	78	1
There were, at the end of 1972, 6 dairy herds in the district from which approximately 135 gallons of milk are retailed daily.		

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

69 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no Statutory Notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers

It is estimated that there are 1500 manholes in the Borough, poisoning in the sewers using Fluoracetamide was continued and all the sewerage system was covered by treatments.

Factories Act 1961

20 inspections were made. 1 contravention was noted and dealt with.

Outworkers

173 outworkers were shown as employed on the lists submitted from factories in the area.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

61 general inspections were made and 10 re-visits were made to premises previously inspected. 3 contraventions were found. 3 Notices served. 2 of the Notices were complied with.

2 accidents were reported during the year.

Premises registered at the end of the year were as follows:-

Offices	:	46
Retail shops	:	139
Wholesale shops, warehouses	:	9
Catering establishments	:	6
Fuel storage depots	:	2
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A total of 984 persons (males 425, females 559) are shown as employed in the premises registered.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964

There are 4 dealers in the Borough registered under the Act.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of Visits and Inspections

<u>General</u>	<u>No. of Visits</u>
Water Supply	72
Drainage	382
Swimming Baths	3
Farms	3
Noise Abatement	55
Caravans	7
Factories	20
Schools	1
Hairdressers	5
Animal Boarding Establishments	3
Refuse Disposal	23
Pest Control	80
Atmospheric Pollution	31
Pet Shops	3
Interviews	334
Scrap Metal Dealers	2
Miscellaneous	243

Housing

Under Public Health Acts

Number of houses inspected	200
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	255

Under Housing Acts and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958

Number of houses inspected	119
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	113

Under Housing Act 1969

Improvement grants	242
Miscellaneous housing visits	251

Infectious Diseases

Inquiries	8
Miscellaneous	17

Food Premises and Food InspectionNo. of Visits

Slaughterhouses	290
Butchers	33
Canteens	2
Dairies and milk distributors	9
Fishmongers and poulterers	4
Food preparing premises	18
Fried fish shops	28
Grocers	60
Greengrocers and fruiterers	21
Ice-cream premises	27
Restaurants	9
Street Vendors and Hawkers carts and vehicles	25
Licensed premises	18
Bakeries	31
Imported Food Regulations	6

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

Offices	7
Retail shops	29
Wholesalers	3
Caterers	2
Fuel storage	1
Re-visits	10
Miscellaneous	13

Summary of Notices Served

Number of Informal Notices served	126
Number of Informal Notices complied with	110
Number of Statutory Notices served	7
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	5

Food and Drugs Act 1955

Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	25
Canteens	21
Dairies	2
Milk shops	51
Fishmongers and poulterers	3
Greengrocers	13
Grocers and confectioners	114
Restaurants and Cafes	28
Bakehouses	8

All premises comply with regulations 18 and 21 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970, where applicable.

MEAT AND OTHER FOOD INSPECTION

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon West Street	-	255	1	206	1	876	860	2199

Weight of Meat Condemned

Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.	Total lbs.
2	-	-	207	2249	2458

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
Canned Foods	7	0	20
Other Foods	9	3	15
	17	0	7

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Part or Whole

	Cattle ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	461	1	1	876	860
<u>All diseases except T.B. and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	170	1	-	46	120
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B. and Cysticercosis:					
1969	35.19	75.00	-	7.68	8.03
1970	36.10	65.00	-	6.10	8.20
1971	30.20	54.30	-	2.19	5.56
1972	36.88	100.00	-	5.25	14.07
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	9
Percentage affected with T.B:					
1969	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	-	-	-	-
1971	-	-	-	-	0.10
1972	-	-	-	-	1.05
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis:					
1969	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	-	-	-	-
1971	0.21	-	-	-	-
1972	0.22	-	-	-	-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	8548	83
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	266	2
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	117	2
(ii) Mice	130	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	633	75
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	186	41
(ii) Mice	209	36

FACTORIES ACT 1961

1 - Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority.	173	20	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total	173	20	-	-

2 - Cases in which Defects were Found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H. M. Inspector (4)		By H. M. Inspector (5)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage (S.7):-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Table A - Registrations and General Inspections

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year.	Total number of registered premises at end of year.	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	3	46	7
Retail shops	9	139	29
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	2	9	3
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.	1	6	2
Fuel storage depots	-	2	1
Total	15	202	42

Table B - Number of Visits of All Kinds by Inspector to Registered Premises

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Table C - Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered
Premises by Workplace

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	303
Retail shops	513
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	88
Catering establishments open to the public	69
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	11
Total	984
Total Males	425
Total Females	559

